

lease that has allocated production under an approved unit agreement.

(a) To request a nonbinding assessment, you must:

(1) Submit a draft application in the format and detail specified in guidance from the MMS regional office for the GOM;

(2) Propose to drill at least one more appraisal well if you get a favorable assessment; and

(3) Pay a fee under § 203.3.

(b) You must wait at least 90 days after receiving our assessment to apply for relief under § 203.62.

(c) This assessment is not binding because a complete application may contain more accurate information that does not support our original assessment. It will help you decide whether your proposed inputs for evaluating economic viability and your supporting data and assumptions are adequate.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 63 FR 2619, Jan. 16, 1998, § 203.61 was revised. This section contains information collection and record-keeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

**§ 203.62 How do I apply for relief?**

You must send a complete application and the required fee to the MMS GOM Regional Director.

(a) Your application for deep water royalty relief must include an original and two copies (one set of digital information) of:

(1) Administrative information report;

(2) Deep water economic viability and relief justification report;

(3) G&G report;

(4) Engineering report;

(5) Production report; and

(6) Deep water cost report.

(b) Section 203.82 explains why we are authorized to require these reports.

(c) Sections 203.81, 203.83, and 203.85 through 203.89 describe what these reports must include. The MMS GOM Regional Office will guide you on the format for the required reports.

**§ 203.63 Does my application have to include all leases in the field?**

For authorized fields, we will accept only one joint application for all leases that are part of the designated field on

the date of application, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section and § 203.64.

(a) The Regional Director maintains a Field Names Master List with updates of all leases in each designated field.

(b) To avoid sharing proprietary data with other lessees on the field, you may submit your proprietary G&G report separately from the rest of your application. Your application is not complete until we receive all the required information for each lease on the field. We will not disclose proprietary data when explaining our assumptions and reasons for our determinations under § 203.67.

(c) We will not require a joint application if you show good cause and honest effort to get all lessees in the field to participate. If you must exclude a lease from your application because its lessee will not participate, that lease is ineligible for the royalty relief for the designated field.

**§ 203.64 How many applications may I file on a field?**

You may file one complete application for royalty relief during the life of the field. However, you may send another application if:

(a) You are eligible to apply for a redetermination under § 203.74;

(b) You apply for royalty relief for an expansion project;

(c) You withdraw the application before we make a determination; or

(d) You apply for end-of-life royalty relief.

**§ 203.65 How long will MMS take to evaluate my application?**

(a) We will determine within 20 working days if your application for royalty relief is complete. If your application is incomplete, we will explain in writing what it needs. If you withdraw a complete application, you may re-apply.

(b) We will evaluate your first application on a field within 180 days and a redetermination under § 203.75 within 120 days after we say it is complete.

(c) We may ask to extend the review period for your application under the conditions in the following table.